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Applicants' representative contacted the examiner concerning the status of the drawings (i.e., whether they were accepted and if any corrections were required) and an information disclosure statement filed 28 January, 2002 (it was not clear if the Dalglish reference had been considered). Applicants are advised that the drawings filed 25 June, 2001, in this application are not objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and are deemed acceptable. Moreover, the Dalglish reference contained in the information disclosure statement filed 28 January, 2002, has been considered.

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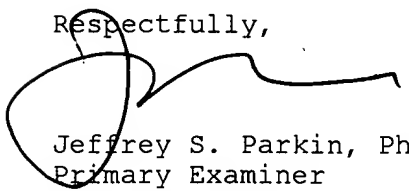
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